

B. Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph labeled [0002] on page 1 is amended as follows:

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[0002] Coaxial assemblies for telecommunication applications, such as DS-3 include many forms: straight, right angle, 735A cable, RG 179 single shield, RG 179 double shield, positive latch SMB and conventional SMB (wherein "SMB" stands for Sub-Miniature-type B). SMB connectors were developed to provide a quick connect/disconnect interface with a push on/pull off capability. SMB connectors conform to the requirements of a military specification MIL-C-39012 and the interface is in compliance with a military specification MIL-STD-348. Normally a female SMB connector (e.g., a SMB plug) plugs onto a male SMB connector (e.g., a SMB jack). SMB connectors may be used to couple two networking equipment using coaxial copper cables. In one application, SMB plugs at the ends of coaxial cables are connected to SMB jacks on a printed circuit board (PCB) of a universal access platform or other networking equipment, at a central office of a service provider or a remote box at a customer site. Such a PCB includes rows and columns of SMB jacks packed closely together to reduce space usage. Typically, the coaxial cables are attached to the plug either perpendicularly or coaxially with the axis of the plug. However, a perpendicular attachment limits the density of plugs which be attached to a PCB and thus requires a larger area than desired for a given number of plugs. The coaxial attachment results in coaxial cables protruding into an aisleway where the cables might be bumped and thus dislodged or broken.